

Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a series of vertical bars representing the number of cases per year from 1980 to 1997. The y-axis is labeled "Number of cases" and ranges from 0 to 100. The x-axis is labeled "Year" and lists years from 1980 to 1997. The bars show a general upward trend, starting around 10 cases in 1980 and reaching approximately 60 cases by 1997.

Year	Number of cases
1980	10
1981	15
1982	20
1983	25
1984	30
1985	35
1986	40
1987	45
1988	50
1989	55
1990	60
1991	65
1992	70
1993	75
1994	80
1995	85
1996	90
1997	60

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INTERFERENCE SEARCHED			
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424	45	3/11/04	mt
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	426	✓	✓

SEARCH NOTES (INCLUDING SEARCH STRATEGY)		
	DATE	EXMR
Inventor names Searched in Palm	3/11/04	wt
STN (Caplus, Bioxis)	3/11/04	wt
NPL (Scirus)	3/11/04	wt
West	3/11/04	wt
Parent case Consulted	3/11/04	wt